

Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>022701-968</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of		MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT		
Jean-Marc FRANCES et al.		Group Art Unit: 1711		
Application No.: 10/009,605)		Examiner: Susan Berman		
Filed:	March 20, 2002	Confirmation No.: 4221		
	METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SEALED RELEASE COATING APPLIED ON A CYLINDER HEAD GASKET USING A SILICONE MATERIAL			
	AMENDMENT/REPLY TRA	NSMITTAL LETTER		
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Sir:				
End	closed is a reply for the above-identified paten	t application.		
[]] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.			
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.			
[]	Also enclosed is/are			
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.			
[]	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).			
		sly unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be quested based on the enclosed documents		
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted, requested.	on, for which continued examination is		

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	[] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
[X]	No additional claim fee is required.
1	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	11	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	lent claims, add \$29	0.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0

[]	A check in the amou	nt of \$	is enclosed for the fee due.	
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	To. 02-4800.	
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§				

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

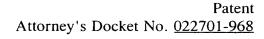
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.